

DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL

(Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties)

Completed in 1828, this 108-mile canal was the main waterway connecting the anthracite coalfields of northeastern Pennsylvania with the furnaces of New York. Enormously profitable, the canal helped fuel America's industrial growth when coal was the nation's major source of power, but growth of the railroads led to the canal's demise in 1899. A number of vestiges, including locks and the Roebling Aqueduct spanning the Delaware River, remain in this discontinuous National Historic Landmark. (Also in Wayne County, Pennsylvania.)